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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDED SEPT 16 IN
PASSING A MOTION WAIVING THE NORMAL 48-HOUR WAITING PERIOD FOR
BRINGING UP ITS STATE SECURITY COURTS (SSC) BILL, BUT THE VICTORY
BECAME A HOLLOW ONE AS THE ACTING SPEAKER, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY(RPP) DEPUTY MEMDUH EKSI, STATING HE HAD COMMITTED
A PROCEDURAL ERROR, IMMEDIATELY DECLARED A RECESS UNTIL SEPT 21.
RPP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ASST LEADER ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS
THE SAME DAY THAT THE RPP HAD ESTABLISHED EIGHT
SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO STUDY LEGAL MEANS OF BLOCKING THE SSC
BILL, AND THAT THE RPP WAS PREPARED TO OFFER HUNDREDS OF
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MOTIONS IN THE NA IF NECESSARY. AN ANALYSIS IN PRO-RPP

CUMHURİYET SEPT 17 STATED THAT THE SSC BILL COULD NOT BECOME LAW BEFORE THE OCT 11 DEADLINE, SINCE EVEN IF THE GOVT SUCCEEDS IN GETTING THE BILL THROUGH THE NA, THE SENATE WILL REJECT IT.

2. LABOR ACTIONS. IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT AT ONE-UPMANSHIP OVER THE MODERATE TURK-IS LABOR CONFEDERATION'S VERBAL OPPOSITION TO THE SSC BILL (REFTEL), THE RADICAL DISK LABOR CONFEDERATION SEPT 16 STARTED ITS OWN OPPOSITION WITH STRIKES OR SLOWDOWNS IN NEARLY 300 WORK PLACES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. LABELLING THE SCC "MARTIAL-LAWLESS MARTIAL LAW", DISK LEADER KEMAL TURKLER CHARGED THAT THE GOVT INTENDS TO WIN THE 1977 ELECTIONS BY USING THE SCC AGAINST THE WORKERS. TURKLER STATED THAT DISK IS DECLARING GENERAL MOURNING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY UNTIL THE GOVT IS TOPPLED FROM POWER "BY CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC MEANS". AND THAT IT IS LEAVING ITS MEMBERS FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN MEANS OF CARRYING OUT THE DECLARATION.

3. TURKLER'S STATEMENT THAT ACTION WAS UP TO INDIVIDUAL WORKERS WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR ORGANIZING ILLEGAL STRIKES; HOWEVER, IN A CLEARLY COORDINATED WAVE OF "PASSIVE RESISTANCE", WORKERS BELONGING TO DISK AFFILIATES GENEL-IS, MADEN-IS, LASTIK-IS, PETKIM-IS, AND SOSYAL-IS BEGAN JOB ACTIONS IN ELEVEN CITIES, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. BUS SERVICES CAME TO A STANDSTILL IN ANKARA AND IZMIR, AND WORKERS AT IZMIR ALIAGA REFINERY STOPPED WORK FOR A SHORT TIME. IN BURSA, ABOUT 15,000 AUTOMOTIVE AND RELATED INDUSTRY WORKERS REPORTEDLY WALKED OUT OF THEIR PLANTS, AND IN ISTANBUL 45 PLANTS IN THE METALS INDUSTRY CEASED OPERATING FOR BRIEF PERIODS. BUSES WERE STILL NOT OPERATING IN ANKARA AND IZMIR SEPT 17, AND WALK-OUTS CONTINUED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE ISTANBUL-IZMIR-BURSA INDUSTRIAL REGION. DISK WILL REPORTEDLY CONTINUE ITS RESISTANCE ACTIONS IN THE FORM OF MEETINGS AND MARCHES.

4. COMMENT: LABOR ACTIONS ON THIS SCALE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES ARE VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED IN TURKEY. HALTHOUGH DISK DOES NOT NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO PULL OFF A GENERAL STRIKE, OR SHOULD TURK-IS BE PROVOKED TO TAKE A MORE EXTREME POSITION THAN IT ALREADY HAS, THE DEMIREL GOVT WILL FACE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THE MAJOR ELEMENT IN THE GOVT'S FAVOR IS THAT DISK'S ACTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE MORE LIKELY TO PRODUCE AGGRAVATION THAN SYMPATHY AMONG A POPULACE UNACCUSTOMED TO SUCH DISORDERS.
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